

SENATE RESOLUTION 7001

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Donald Ray Akin of Huntingdon.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Donald Ray Akin; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Akin was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, a native of Carroll County, Donald Akin was the son of George Blane Akin and Rossie Singleton Akin who taught him the value of hard work and service to others; and

WHEREAS, following the patriotic tradition for which the Volunteer State is renowned, Mr. Akin answered duty's call and bravely served his country with honor in the Korean War; and

WHEREAS, Donald Akin then worked tirelessly to establish a brighter future for the good people of Carroll County by using his impeccable morals and irreproachable integrity to serve as Carroll County Sheriff for six years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Akin also served with acumen and alacrity for fourteen years as the Circuit Court Clerk, in which position he earned the respect of his peers and constituents alike due to the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Akin was an active and devout member of the Huntingdon Church of Christ; and

WHEREAS, Donald Akin was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Akin enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Rita Jean Byars Akin for twenty-seven glorious years; and

WHEREAS, Donald Akin was preceded in death by his first wife, Mary Jane Akin, one daughter, Donna Jane Akin, one sister, Georgia Lee Akin, and his parents; and

WHEREAS, he was the proud and loving father and father-in-law of Richard and Paula Akin; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Akin will also be sorely missed by his stepbrother, Bob Cassidy, and his wife Alice Cassidy; and

WHEREAS, Donald Akin's legacy will also be remembered by his beloved grandson, Trevor Lake Akin, and a host of family, friends, and loved ones; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Akin leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of Donald Ray Akin, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Donald Ray Akin.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.